# K-12 College Access ANNUAL REPORT



Reference State Statue: Annual Report to High Schools Wisconsin Statute 38.12(8)

#### Middle School students attended Middle School Expos

at Gateway

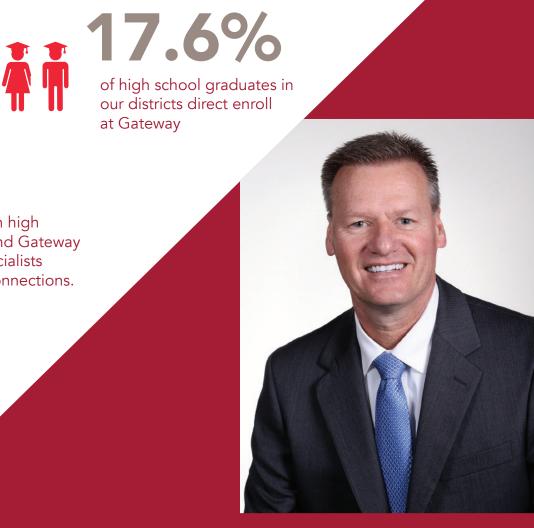
165

2,20

Gateway Promise students attending tuition-free

> meetings between high school students and Gateway New Student Specialists making college connections.

212 Students signed Letters of Intent at National Signing Day in 2018



Gateway Technical College is proud to partner with each of our K-12 school districts. Southeastern Wisconsin is changing fast, and our future is dependent on providing challenging and rewarding career pathways for all students. At Gateway, we stand with you in supporting student and family success. During the 2017-18 academic year, 6,147 high school students earned college credit from Gateway. This is a remarkable accomplishment representing 14,781 transcripted Gateway Technical College credits and **\$2.55 million in tuition savings**.

Teachers, counselors and administrators from each school district collaborated with Gateway faculty, new student specialists and administrators to expand and strengthen our partnership programs. As you continue to work with students in building their academic and career plans, please consider the many pathways that Gateway offers to enhance the college and career options for students.

Together, we will continue to strengthen our region through the hard work and career success. of all of our citizens. Best wishes for a successful year.

Respectfully, Bryan D. Albrecht, Ed.D. President and CEO Gateway Technical College

## **Engaging students**

#### Events with area middle and high school students promote college and career readiness.

Every year, Gateway Technical College hosts events geared toward elementary, middle and high school students to explore options available in and after high school, connecting them to academic and career plans.

### Middle School

#### **Middle School Expo**

Gateway hosted two Middle School Expos to help more than **2,200 middle school students** from **16 different middle schools** develop a vision for their future. Students met with Gateway staff and toured our labs and classrooms to explore career education options and campus resources.





#### **KIDS Lab**

Piloted with eight area school districts, KIDS Lab cultivates excitement with technology. Students in middle and elementary school engage in discovery-based learning that stimulates creative thinking, problem solving and collaboration so students continue to engage with engineering courses throughout their education.

#### **Summer Camps**

Students entering grades 6 through 8 can enroll in Gateway's hands-on summer camps that span topics such as nursing, forensics, engineering, manufacturing, and IT, in camps including Rocket into Manufacturing, Fab Lab Maker Camp & Creating Game Strategies. **126 students attended in Summer of 2018**.



This global movement to bring an hour of coding instruction reaches tens of millions of learners from age 4 to 104 across more than 180 countries. **Over 1,000 middle school students** visited Gateway's campuses to participate.



## **High School**

#### **Career Pathways**

Career Pathway events educate students and parents on dual credit offerings available to them through Gateway. These opportunities enable students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously, gaining advanced placement in programs like Advanced Manufacturing, Information Technology and Early Childhood Education. Over 100 students attended pathway events on our campuses last year to learn how their credits can lead to a certificate, technical diploma, and/or associate degree. "Through hands-on experiences and seeing the Early Childhood classrooms first hand, the Early Childhood event at Gateway opened my students' eyes to Gateway Technical College and what it can offer them in their future."

- Melissa Schmidt, Faculty at Park High School



**National Signing Day** 



**Explore Gateway Tours** 



**Manufacturing Expo** 



**Dual Credit Day** 

#### **National Signing Day**

Broadcast live from 37 colleges across the United States on Feb. 15, National Career and Technical Education Letter of Intent Signing Day mirrors the NCAA's National Signing Day for athletes who commit to play sports in college. The National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) sponsors the event as a way to celebrate the dignity of work and honor students who choose to enter a technical field. A total of **212 high school students** from **26 high school served by Gateway's district** signed letters of intent to enroll in 46 different programs offered by Gateway Technical College in Fall 2018.

**High School** 

#### **Explore Gateway Tours**

Gateway's College Access team hosts tours on each of our campuses for students to learn more about career programs, explore cutting-edge labs, and meet program faculty. Last year, over **600 students** attended Explore Gateway tours.

#### **Manufacturing Expo**

Gateway's Manufacturing Expo introduces students to the manufacturing industry and opportunities to work for world-class companies located right here in Southeastern Wisconsin. In October 2017, Gateway connected over **450 students** from **12 high schools** with local employers as they toured campus facilities and labs to explore careers in Civil Engineering Technology, CNC, Electronics, Electrical Engineering Technology, Fab Lab, Robotics, Telecommunications and Welding.

#### **Dual Credit Day**

April 30 was declared Dual Credit Day in the State of Wisconsin by Governor Scott Walker in 2013. In celebration, Gateway hosted a friendly competition among high schools and challenged dual credit classes to share a photo or video on social media that would celebrate their creativity and enthusiasm for earning dual credit using **#futureredhawk** and **#gatewaydualcreditday**. Competitors vied for the coveted "Dual Credit Cup" along with a pizza party and bragging rights! Winning students came from Tremper High School's Intro to Service course. As part of the festivities on Dual Credit Day, over 6,000 Transcripted Credit students received a t-shirt that read "Dual Credit Student Earning College Credit, Saving Cash" to wear at their high school.

## Making life-sized learning attainable.

#### High school students learn and save by earning college credit early.

Gateway partners with area high schools in a variety of ways to help students earn college credit and learn valuable skills while in high school.

#### **Transcripted Credit**

Gateway partners with local school districts to offer Transcripted Credit classes. High school teachers are certified through Gateway to teach Gateway courses such as Marketing Principles, Culinary Skills, IT Essentials, Welding and more. Students enroll in the Gateway class and receive college credit upon completion. Last year, more than 6,000 high school students saved \$2.55 million through Transcripted Credit, as 112 teachers taught 70 different classes.

## \$2.55 million

saved by high school students through Transcripted Credit

70+

available Transcripted Credit classes focusing on Career & Technical Education

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**112** Transcripted Credit teachers have been certified to teach college-level courses

High School	Total Enrollments Total Tuition Save		
Badger	671	\$267,582.75	
Burlington	\$203,002.38		
Delavan/Darien	90 \$34,686.70		
East Troy	395	\$126,516.94	
Elkhorn	496	\$195,049.54	
KUSD Bradford	286	\$124,830.06	
KUSD Harborside	6	\$1,387.98	
KUSD Indian Trail	453	\$194,513.42	
KUSD Lakeview	94	\$39,862.48	
KUSD Tremper	441	\$192,126.34	
RUSD Case	410	\$180,448.76	
RUSD Horlick	350	\$154,453.10	
RUSD Park	254	\$112,520.98	
RUSD REAL	156	\$60,281.70	
RUSD Walden	50	\$21,783.00	
Union Grove	415	\$164,269.28	
Waterford	247	\$111,211.40	
West Allis	22	\$9,617.16	
Westosha Central	299	\$128,452.56	
Whitewater	34	\$10,962.96	
Wilmot	536	\$220,629.47	
TOTAL	6233	\$2,554,188.96	

#### **Business & Hospitality Academy Grants**

Gateway received grants during the 2017-18 academic year to provide local high school students in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties the opportunity to earn credits in the Business and Hospitality programs by covering expenses such as supplies and materials, professional development, instructor certification, and textbooks. Students committed to completing a full course of study toward certificate programs.

The Hospitality and Culinary Arts program met its goal of **enrolling a total of 200 students from 7 high schools in the** Hospitality Management transcripted credit courses during the 2017-18 academic year. They had the opportunity to earn the Hospitality Essentials Certificate, along with two industry recognized certifications.

The Business Academy enrolled **2,811 students in the first year of the program, studying with 39 Gateway-certified high school instructors.** Students could earn up to three different certificates in Accounting, Business Administration and Marketing.

#### **Advanced Standing**

Gateway also offers students the chance to earn advanced standing through agreements with area high schools. Students earn Gateway credit only if the student earns a B or better, enroll at Gateway within 27 months of completing the course and the school has a valid agreement in place, which requires the high school course to meet at least 80% of Gateway's competencies. Currently, Gateway has **Advanced Standing Agreements** for **41 different courses** in place with the following high schools: Badger, East Troy, Racine Case, Racine Horlick, Racine Park, Shoreland Lutheran, Union Grove, Waterford, Westosha Central, and Wilmot.

#### **Youth Apprenticeship**

Youth Apprenticeship is a state-wide program that combines in-class learning with paid work experience to help students prepare to enter the workforce after high school. In 2017-18 Gateway partnered with Badger, Big Foot, Delavan Darien, Elkhorn, Union Grove, Westosha Central & Wilmot high schools to connect **33 high school students** with 28 employers in 11 career pathways. Gateway's Youth Apprenticeship students earn on average \$10.18 per hour.\* \*Data pulled from: Report Name YA-00 Status Report Refresh Date Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship Fiscal Year: 17/18; Consortium: Gateway

#### Start College Now (formerly Youth Options/Course Options)

Youth Options allows public high school juniors and seniors to gain hands-on training at Gateway in college courses not offered at their high school. In 2017-18, 316 students enrolled in a total of **443 Youth Options courses, earning a total of 1,241 credits**. The Course Options program for 2017-18 enrolled 26 students in 45 courses. \*Beginning in Fall 2018, the Youth Options program has been transferred to the Tech College System in Wisconsin State Statute 38.12. The program is now called: Start College Now. Additionally, effective June 30, 2018, Course Options has been eliminated.

#### VANGuard

Virtual college courses allow students to take free courses without leaving their high school. Video and online tools are used to deliver courses using a high school's VanGuard system. A **total of 591 students across 78 sections participated** in VanGuard courses in 2017-18, earning 1,412 credits at the following schools: Badger, Big Foot, Burlington, Catholic Central, Central, Elkhorn, Faith Christian, Union Grove, Waterford and Williams Bay.

#### **Contract for Service**

Local high schools may also contract with Gateway to offer courses taught by Gateway instructors at the high school or at Gateway in a closed section for high school students only. Common Contract for Service classes include core components of Nursing, Engineering, Manufacturing, Automotive programs that can lead to a credential.



*"It feels good to have these certificates right out of high school. Instead of spending four years in college and going into debt, I'll be ready to get a job in my field right away."* 



## Adult High School & HSED

Adult High School and HSED programs at Gateway are designed to help students 18.5 years or older attain a high school diploma or an equivalent degree. Our Adult High School program caters to students a few credits shy of completion by enabling them to make up missing coursework to earn a high school diploma, pending approval from their local school district.

For those with fewer earned high school credits, the **HSED program offers two options**. After an initial Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE test), Gateway staff helps students develop a personalized educational plan to earn a credential equivalent to a high school diploma from the state Department of Public Instruction. Alternatively, students may elect to enroll in the **5.09 HSED program**, a state-approved, competency-based curriculum designed and administered by Gateway staff in 2017 to support either college-bound or workforce-bound students with personalized and small-group support to achieve education and career goals by earning an HSED.

In the **2017-18 academic year, a total of 92 adults earned their high school diploma** through the Adult High School and a total of **40 students graduated from Gateway's HSED program**.

# Major career opportunities and real-life support.

Gateway directly enrolls area high school students in career-oriented programs that are accessible, flexible & affordable.

High School	Grads Enrolled at Gateway	Total Graduates	Percent at Gateway
Badger	49	302	16.23%
Big Foot	16	116	13.79%
Burlington	35	292	11.98%
Delevan/Darien	22	183	12.02%
East Troy	24	142	16.90%
Elkhorn	46	182	25.28%
KUSD Bradford	71	325	21.85%
KUSD E-school K-12	6	28	21.43%
KUSD Harborside	19	90	21.11%
KUSD Indian Trail	89	500	17.80%
KUSD Lakeview	22	103	21.36%
KUSD Reuther	34	135	25.19%
KUSD Tremper	72	369	19.51%
RUSD Case	76	414	18.36%
RUSD Horlick	71	314	22.61%
RUSD Park	49	228	21.49%
RUSD Real	8	39	20.51%
RUSD Walden	5	66	7.58%
Union Grove	40	256	15.63%
Walworth County Alternative	17	26	65.39%
Waterford	29	235	12.34%
Westosha Central	39	278	14.03%
Whitewater	6	118	5.09%
Williams Bay	3	29	10.35%
Wilmot	35	238	14.71%
Total in 2017	883	5008	17.60%

Data from the Client Reporting System, Public High School Graduates Enrolling at WTCS by High School and District.

#### **Foundation Scholarships**

Gateway Foundation offers a \$500 scholarship for high school students directly enrolling at Gateway after graduation. To apply, students must earn a 2.0 GPA or higher and complete an online application at gtc.edu/ foundation between January 15-March 15. **\$24,500** scholarships were awarded to 49 recipients in the Class of 2018.



Through the Gateway Promise program, eligible high school seniors attend Gateway tuition-free. The Promise program helps fill the gap between financial aid and the cost of Gateway's tuition and fees. Promise students also receive additional support, like one-on-one coaching and a summer bridge program, to help them meet their graduation goals.

- 165 Promise students enrolled in Fall 2017 (62 Walworth, 55 Racine, 48 Kenosha)
- Students enrolled in 34 academic programs (29 Nursing, 17 Criminal Justice, 13 IT)
- 84% of students were retained in Spring 2018, compared to 53% among other Gateway students.



"If it weren't for the Promise program, I would have gone to work straight out of high school, and not gone on to college. This has set me up for a career that I will do for the rest of my life."

#### Ready to Make Connections. Meet the Gateway New Student Specialist Team.

From organizing tours and events for area schools, advising one-on-one with students to fielding questions from learners and parents alike, the New Student Specialist (NSS) team builds life-sized relationships with students and teachers in schools throughout the Southeastern Wisconsin community served by Gateway Technical College.

#### Connect with your NSS at newstudentspecialists@gtc.edu or visit gtc.edu/nss.

#### For more information and other news, initiatives and staff, visit: gtc.edu/high-school

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